



Wyoming
DEPARTMENT OF *Agriculture*

Meat Inspection in Wyoming

Joint Agriculture, State and Public
Lands & Water Resources

Federal Delegated Authority

- The Federal Meat Inspection Act and Poultry Products Inspection Act
 - Allows cooperation between USDA/FSIS and State agencies
 - State MPI programs must operate in a manner that is “at least equal to” FSIS programs
 - State status can be revoked if not maintained
 - Limited to intrastate commerce only
 - State may opt into additional cooperative programs



WY State Law, Rules and Regulations

- W.S. §35-7-123 and Wyoming Food Safety Rule Chapter 1, Chapter 16 and Chapter 14 (a)(ii) govern the State Meat Inspection program
- Wyoming has been in a cooperative agreement for state meat inspection services since 1919



Wyoming Fees

- License Fee of \$100, with an annual \$50 renewal fee
- Each meat plant must have a certified scale, which has an associated fee
- No fees charged per animal/head for inspection on these processes
- Currently, no requests for fee reduction or deferral



Wyoming Meat Plants

– State Inspected

- 11 plants
- Meat processed can be sold to any stores or individuals within Wyoming.

– Custom Exempt

- 27 plants
- Meat processed for individual owner, not for resale.

– Wild Game

- Do not require licensure and typically only operate during wild game season.



State Inspected Annual Processing Statistics for 2019

- Beef: 1,266
- Hogs: 768
- Sheep/Lamb: 404
- Bison: 11
- Other: 66
- Total: 2,515 animals processed total in 2019

*This number does not include processing done at Custom Exempt Meat Plants

